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SUBJ: MEETING OF PUBLIC WORKS MINISTERS: NIAMEY

PUBLIC WORKS MINISTERS OF UPPER VOLTA, MALI, TOGO AND NIGER
MET INNIAMEY FEB 27-28 TO FOLLOW UP ON DECISIONS TAKEN AT
LOME SUMMIT MEETING IN SEPTEMBER 1975, TO DEVELOP COMMUNICATIONS
NETWORK LINKING LANWTOCKED COUNTRIES OF UPPER VOLTA, MALI
AND NIGER WITH PORT OF LOME.

ACCORDING TO COMMUNIQUE PUBLISHED IN LOCAL PRESS MARCH 1,
MINISTERS MET TO (A) EXAMINE EXISTING ROAD LINKS AMONG FOUR
COUNTRIES, AND (B) DEFINE COMMON ACTION PARTICIPATING STATES
SHOULD TAKE TO DEVELOP IMPROVED ROAD AND RAILROAD NETWORK
IN ORDER TO MOVE MINERAL WEALTH OF LANDLOCKED COUNTRIES TO LOME,
EXPAND THEIR ACCESS TO SEA AND CONTRIBUTE TO THEIR COMMON
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WE ARE INFORMED THAT FOLLOWING PROJECTS WERE AMONG THOSE CONSIDERED:

A) COMPLETION OF ROAD BETWEEN SANSANNE MANGO AND TOGO AND BITTOU AON UPPER VOLTA BORDER GIVING LOME-OUAGA SURFACED ROAD. THERE WAS TALK OF POSSIBLE FED FINANCING.

B) ROAD FROM SANSANNE MANGO OR DAPANGO IN TOGO TO PAMA IN UPPER VOLTA, THEN SKIRTING NATIONAL PARKS (AND PHOSPHATE DEPOSITS) IN UPPER VOLTA AND NIGER TO TAMOU IN NIGER AND TO NIAMEY.

C) ROAD FROM KOUPELA TO FADA N'GOURMA TO NIAMEY. HERE AGAIN THERE WAS TALK OF FED FINANCING ON KH PELA TO FADA N'GOURMA SECTION.

D) ROAD FROM NIAMEY TO DORI THEN NORTHEAST TO TAMBAO AND ON TO ANSONGO IN MALI.

INFORMTION ON RAILROADS WAS LESS DETAILED BUT WE UNDERSTAND THERE WASDISCUSSION OF OUWCADOUGOU-DORI RAIL LINK AND OF RAILROADS FROM OUAGADOUGOU TO BLITTA WHERE IT WOULD LINK UP WITH EXISTING LINE TO LOME TO MOVE MINERALS THROUGH TO OHZO SEA.

SOME OF THESE PROJECTS MAY BE SURFACED FOR CLUB DES AMIS DU SAHEL CONSIDERATION. ONLY SPECIFIC STEP SO FAR TAKEN TAHT WE ARE AWARE OF, IS INFORMAL APPROACH TO SAUDO REP IN NIAMEY TO INQUIRE ABOUT SAUDIA INTEREST IN CONTRIBUTING TO FINANCING OF SECTOR OF FADA N'GOURMA ROAD FROM THIS TOWN TO NIGER BORDER. IT RELEVANT IN THIS CONNECTON THAT PRESIDENT KOUNTCHE IS OFF MARCH 7 TO VISIT SAUDI ARABIA.HECK

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